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MEMORANDUM FOR:  Office of Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : H.R. 968 - "Natural Resource Information Act"

1. You requested OGC review of your comments on H.R. 968, a bill which would establish a National Resource Information System to accumulate, coordinate and disseminate information on the supply, transport and consumption of minerals and agricultural products. The System would centralize information in a public library to which the public would have unlimited access, a confidential library with access limited to Government officials and a secret library. The information would be acquired from Government agencies and private natural resource companies. To oversee the System, a Bureau of National Resource Information would be created within the Department of Commerce. OGC commented on a virtually identical bill, H.R. 14135, on 9 May 1974 (OGC 74-0797).

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3. For these reasons, OGC recommends that you modify part c of your third paragraph to reflect the ideas that:

- a. section 208(b) provides much less protection to national security information than the standards of Executive Order 11652, and

OGC Has Reviewed

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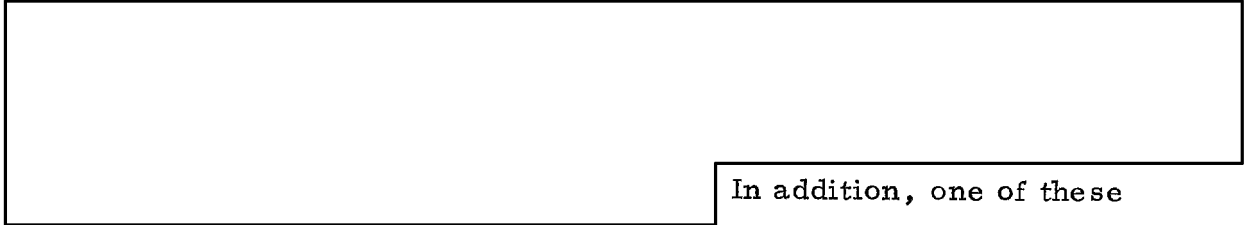
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In addition, one of these provisions, Section 208(b), conflicts with the standards for classification under Executive Order 11652 and appears to reduce protection by classification pursuant to the Order ....